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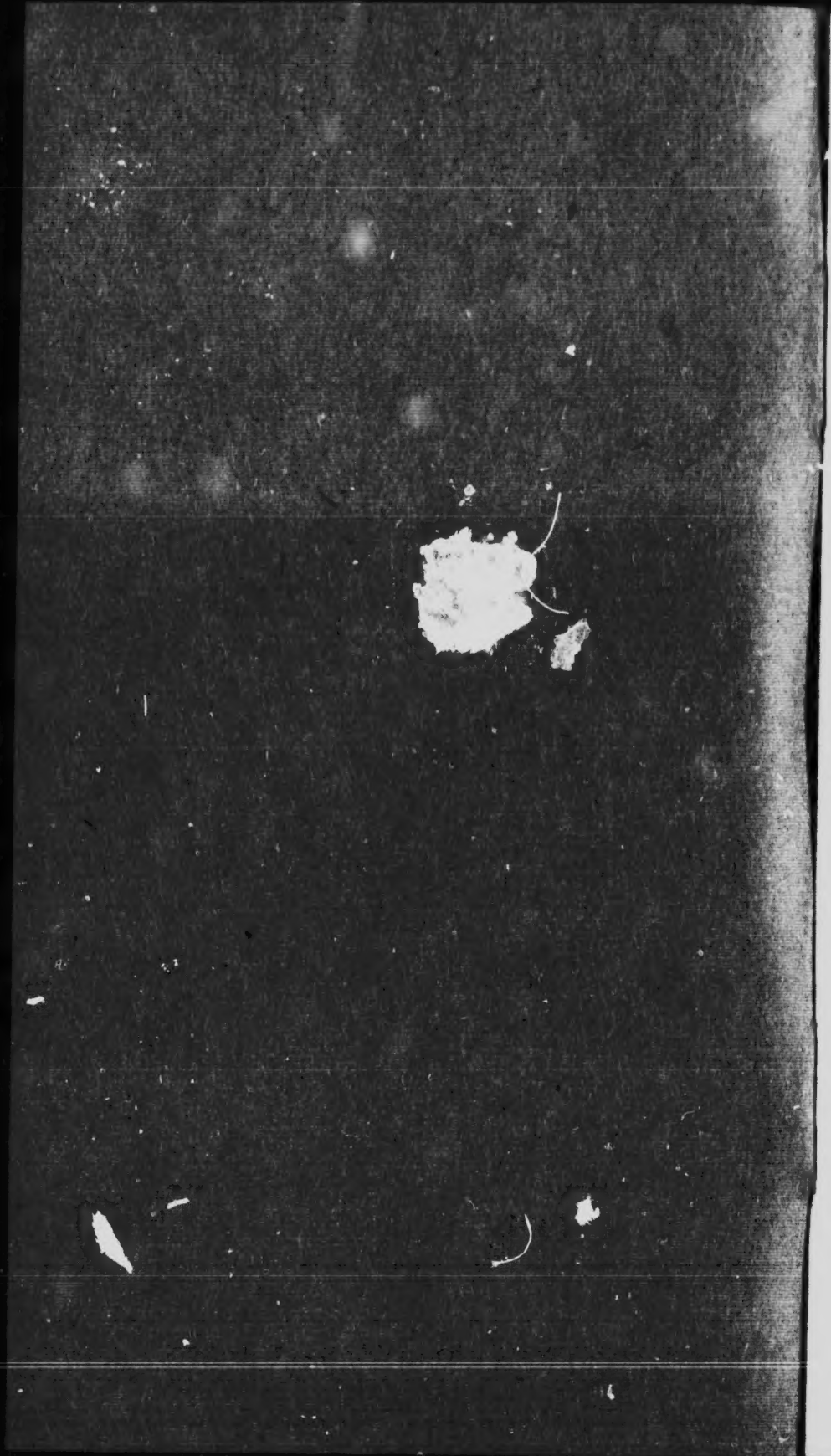
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TO THE TEACHER

The object of this Catechism is to give beginners a knowledge of such simple facts of Bible story as will afford pegs, upon which all other facts may be duly hung.

The teacher should tell vividly as possible the story of the incident or period dealt with in each lesson and thus help the child to remember the better.

Many persons and incidents are omitted so as not to overburden the memory. These will be learnt incidentally, and their connection with facts memorized will fix them in the mind.

The Catechism is to be gone through and reviewed once during the year.

Simple Bible Facts

1. The Bible tells us about God. God is our Father. He made us and the world and everything in it. It took six days to make everything. The seventh day God rested. He commanded that this day should always be kept holy.

2. Adam was the first man. God put him in a beautiful garden, called Eden. He had to take care of it. God said he might eat of the fruit of every tree in the garden but one. He was told not to eat of it lest he should die.

LESSON 1.

1. About whom does the Bible tell?
2. What is God to us?
3. Who made us?
4. What else did God make?
5. How long did it take to make everything?
6. What did God command about the seventh day?

LESSON 2.

1. Who was the first man?
2. In what place did God put him?
3. What did he have to do?
4. What did God say he might eat?
5. Tell why he was not to eat of the fruit of one tree.

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3. Eve was the first woman. She was Adam's wife. She lived with him in the garden. They were very happy till Satan came. Satan is a wicked spirit. It is he who tries to get us to do wrong.

4. Satan came into the garden in the form of a serpent. He got Eve to eat of the fruit of the forbidden tree. He said she would not surely die. He also said she and Adam would be as Gods. Eve gave to Adam and he ate. This was the first sin. It was the sin of disobedience.

LESSON 3.

1. Who was the first woman?
2. What was she to Adam?
3. Where did she live?
4. Until what time were they happy?
5. Tell who Satan is.
6. What does he try to do?

LESSON 4.

1. In what form did Satan enter the garden?
2. What did he get Eve to do?
3. What did he say to her?
4. Tell what else he said.
5. Who else ate of the forbidden fruit?
6. What was this first sin?

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5. After this Adam and Eve were afraid of God. They knew they had done wrong. So when God came to speak to them they tried to hide. But God called them and told them they would have to leave the garden. Before sending them out He made them coats of skin.

6. The first children were Cain and Abel. They were the sons of Adam and Eve. Cain was the elder. He killed Abel because he was angry with him. God gave another son in Abel's place. His name was Seth.

LESSON 5.

1. After their sin how did Adam and Eve feel?
2. Why did they feel afraid?
3. When God came what did they do?
4. What did God tell them?
5. Before sending them out what did God make for them?

LESSON 6.

1. Who were the first children?
2. Whose sons were they?
3. Name the elder of the two.
4. What did he do to his brother?
5. For what reason did he do this?
6. Whom did God give in Abel's place?

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7. As there came to be more people they grew worse and worse. They became so bad that God said He would destroy them. There was just one good man. His name was Noah. God told him he was going to send a great flood. He told him to build a very large ship.

8. The ship that Noah built was called the Ark. When it was finished Noah took into it two animals of every kind. Then he and his wife, his three sons and their wives went in. The names of the three sons were Shem, Ham and Japheth.

LESSON 7.

1. As there came to be more people did they grow better?
2. What did God say He would do?
3. What one good man was there?
4. What did God say He was going to do?
5. What did He tell Noah to do?

LESSON 8.

1. What do we call the ship Noah built?
2. What did he take into the Ark?
3. Who went into the Ark with him?
4. Name Noah's three sons.
5. How many persons went into the Ark?

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9. When all were in the Ark, God sent the flood. It rained forty days. The earth was covered with water 150 days. After the flood the Ark rested on Mount Ararat. Then Noah came out and built an altar. On this he offered a sacrifice to God.

10. God gave Noah a great promise. He said that He would not again destroy the earth with a flood. He also promised that there should always be seed-time and harvest. The rainbow was to be the sign of this promise. When we see the rainbow we are to think of this.

LESSON 9.

1. What did God send on the earth?
2. How long did it rain?
3. How long did the water cover the earth?
4. Where did the Ark rest after the flood?
5. What did Noah do when he came out of the Ark?
6. What did he do with the altar?

LESSON 10.

1. What did God give Noah?
2. What did he say to him?
3. What did he also promise?
4. What was to be the sign of this promise?
5. Of what is the rainbow to make us think?

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11. For some time after the flood people lived together and spoke one language. God wanted them to spread over the earth. But to keep together they built a great tower called Babel. Then God confused their speech so that they could not understand one another. Since then there have been different languages.

12. In the very early times God chose a special people. They were Hebrews. Afterwards they were called Israelites. Now they are known as Jews. The father of this people was Abraham. His name was Abram at first.

LESSON 11.

1. How many languages were spoken for a long time after the flood?
2. What great tower was built?
3. Why did they build it?
4. What did God want them to do?
5. How did He make them do it?
6. What have there been since then?

LESSON 12.

1. Name the people God chose in early times.
2. What were they called afterwards?
3. How are they now known?
4. Who was the father of this chosen people?
5. What was his name at first?

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13. Abraham was noted for his faith. God told him that He would make of him a great nation. He also said that in his seed all nations should be blessed. By "seed" He meant Christ. Abraham showed his faith by doing what God told him to do.

14. Abraham's wife was Sarah. They had one son, Isaac. He was born when Abraham was 100 years old. God tried Abraham's faith by telling him to sacrifice Isaac. When Abraham was about to slay his son, God sent a ram and told him to sacrifice it instead.

LESSON 13.

1. For what was Abraham noted?
2. What did God promise him?
3. What else did He say to him?
4. Whom did He mean by "seed"?
5. How did Abraham show his faith?

LESSON 14.

1. Name Abraham's wife.
2. How many children had they?
3. What was his name?
4. How old was Abraham when Isaac was born?
5. How did God try Abraham's faith?
6. How was Isaac's life spared?

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15. Isaac married Rebecca. They had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. Esau was the firstborn. Jacob thought more of God's promise than his brother did. Esau sold him his birthright for a dish of pottage. To secure the blessing, Jacob deceived his father.

16. Jacob's name was changed by God to Israel. For this reason the chosen people were called Israelites. Jacob had 12 sons. The firstborn was Reuben. The youngest was Benjamin. His favorite son was Joseph. Jacob and his sons kept a great many sheep and cattle.

LESSON 15.

1. Whom did Isaac marry?
2. Name their twin sons.
3. Which was the firstborn?
4. Which thought more of God's promise?
5. What did Esau do with his birthright?
6. What sin did Jacob commit?

LESSON 16.

1. What new name did God give Jacob?
2. What were the chosen people called for this reason?
3. How many sons had Jacob?
4. Name the eldest and the youngest.
5. Which was his favorite son?
6. What did Jacob and his sons do?

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17. Joseph was the son of Jacob's wife, Rachael. His father made so much of him that his brothers envied him. They planned to kill him, but sold him instead to some merchantmen. Then they took Joseph's coat, dipped it in blood and brought it home. This caused Jacob to think wild beasts had killed his son.

18. Joseph was taken to Egypt and sold to Potiphar, captain of the king's guard. Potiphar thought a great deal of him and made him overseer of all he had. Being falsely accused, he was put in prison. But God gave him favor there.

LESSON 17.

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1. Who was Joseph's mother?
 2. How did his brothers feel towards him?
 3. What did they plan to do to him?
 4. What did they do instead?
 5. What did they do with Joseph's coat?
 6. What did this make Jacob think?

LESSON 18.

1. Where was Joseph taken?
2. What did they do with him there?
3. Who was Potiphar?
4. What did he think of Joseph?
5. Tell what happened to Joseph.
6. What did God do for him there?

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19. While Joseph was in prison Pharoah, king of Egypt, had a strange dream. Joseph told what it meant. He said there were to be 7 years of plenty and then 7 years of famine. For this the king made him his chief officer. During the years of plenty Joseph gathered together great stores of grain.

20. When the famine came, Egypt was the only place where there was food. Among those who came to Joseph to buy food were his brothers, but they did not know him. After some time he told them who he was and forgave them.

LESSON 19.

1. Who had a strange dream?
2. What was Pharoah?
3. Who told him what it meant?
4. What did he say there was going to be?
5. What did Pharoah do for Joseph?
6. What did Joseph do during the years of plenty?

LESSON 20.

1. Where only was there food in the famine?
2. Who came among others to buy food?
3. Did they know Joseph?
4. Did they find out who he was?
5. How did he treat them for what they did?

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21. Joseph sent for his father to come down to Egypt. Pharoah gave him and his children the land of Goshen to live in. They lived there for 215 years. Joseph had two sons, Ephriam and Manasseh. He was 110 years old when he died.

22. A long time after Joseph died a new king arose in Egypt. He made slaves of the Israelites. He also commanded all boy babies to be killed. At that time Moses was born. His mother hid him in an ark of bulrushes. There he was found by Pharoah's daughter.

LESSON 21.

1. What did Joseph do for his father?
2. What did Pharoah do for Jacob?
3. How long did the Israelites live there?
4. How many children had Joseph?
5. Name them.
6. How old was Joseph when he died?

LESSON 22.

1. After a long time what happened?
2. What did he do to the Israelites?
3. What cruel command did he give?
4. Who was born at that time?
5. What did his mother do with him?
6. Who found him?

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23. Pharoah's daughter brought Moses up as her son. When he was eighty years old God told him to bring His people out of Egypt. When this was done God gave the Ten Commandments. These were written on two tables of stone. He also told how He was to be worshipped.

24. A great tent, called the Tabernacle, was made to worship God in. The inner part was called the Holy of holies. In it was placed a sacred chest called the Ark of the Covenant. Aaron, Moses' brother, was made the first High Priest.

LESSON 23.

1. What did Pharoah's daughter do with Moses?
2. What did God call him to do?
3. How old was Moses then?
4. What did God give him?
5. On what were these written?
6. What else did God tell?

LESSON 24.

1. What was made to worship God in?
 2. What was this called?
 3. What was the inner part called?
 4. What sacred thing was placed there?
 5. Name the first High Priest.
 6. What relation was he to Moses?
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25. Because they sinned against God, the Israelites had to stay in the wilderness 40 years. There Moses and all the men who came out of Egypt, except Joshua and Caleb, died. Before he died, Moses said God would raise up a prophet like himself. He meant Jesus.

26. Joshua took Moses' place and led the Israelites into the promised land. This was a very beautiful country, called Canaan. There the patriarchs, Abraham, Isaac and Jacob, had lived. When Joshua had taken possession of the land he divided it among the 12 tribes.

LESSON 25.

1. Where did the Israelites stay a long time?
2. How long had they to stay there?
3. Why did they stay there so long?
4. Who died in the wilderness?
5. What did Moses say before he died?
6. Tell whom he meant.

LESSON 26.

1. When Moses died who took his place?
2. Where did he lead the Israelites?
3. What kind of a country was this?
4. What was it called?
5. Who had lived there?
6. What did Joshua do with the land?

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27. After Joshua died the people were ruled by Judges. Of these, the greatest was Deborah, Gideon, Samson and Samuel. Deborah was a woman. Gideon defeated a great army with 300 chosen men. Samson was the strongest man that has ever lived. Samuel was the last and greatest of the Judges.

28. After the Judges, God let His people have kings. The first king was Saul. The second king was David. He was a son of Jesse. When he was only a lad he slew the giant Goliath. He wrote most of the Psalms.

LESSON 27.

1. After Joshua died how were the Israelites ruled?
2. Name some of the greatest of these.
3. Which Judge was a woman?
4. What did Gideon do?
5. For what was Samson noted?
6. Who was last and greatest of the Judges?

LESSON 28.

1. Who were the rulers after the Judges?
2. Who was the first King?
3. Name the second King.
4. Whose son was he?
5. What did he do when only a lad?
6. What did he write?

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29. The third king was Solomon. He was David's son. The Temple was built by him. He is noted as the wisest man that has ever lived. After his death the nation was divided into two kingdoms—the Kingdom of Judah and the Kingdom of Israel.

30. Of the 12 tribes, 10 belonged to the Kingdom of Israel. The chief city of this kingdom was Samaria. Its first king was Jeroboam. He led the people to become idolators. For this their country was at last taken from them. They also were carried into a distant land.

LESSON 29.

1. Who was the third King?
2. Who was his father?
3. What great work did he do?
4. For what was he noted?
5. What happened the nation after he died?
6. What were these kingdoms called?

LESSON 30.

1. How many tribes belonged to the Kingdom of Israel?
2. Name the chief city.
3. Who was its first King?
4. What did he lead the people to become?
5. What happened to their country?

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31. Of the 12 tribes, two only belonged to the Kingdom of Judah. These were Judah and Benjamin. The people were called Jews. The chief city was Jerusalem. Two of its best kings were Josiah and Hezekiah. Under wicked kings the people disobeyed God and became idolators.

32. For their sin God sent Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, against the Jews. He broke down the walls of Jerusalem, destroyed the Temple and carried the people captives to Babylon. The Captivity lasted 70 years.

LESSON 31.

1. How many tribes belonged to the Kingdom of Judah?
2. What tribes were these?
3. What were the people called?
4. Name the chief city.
5. Who were two of its best kings?
6. What sin did the people commit?

LESSON 32.

1. Whom did God send to punish the Jews?
2. Of what place was he king?
3. What did he do to Jerusalem?
4. What did he do to the Temple?
5. What did he do with the people?
6. How long did the Captivity last?

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33. Among the captives in Babylon was Daniel. He was a Jewish prince and was made chief of the wise men of Babylon. He refused to stop praying to God and was cast into a lions' den. God shut the mouths of the lions so that he was not hurt.

34. Daniel had three companions, Shadrach, Mesrach and Abednego. The king had set up a great image and commanded everybody to worship it. These three refused and were cast into a fiery furnace. But God kept them and the fire did not hurt them.

LESSON 33.

1. Name one of the captives in Babylon.
2. Who was he?
3. What was he made?
4. What did he refuse to do?
5. What was done to him for this?
6. How did he escape.

LESSON 34.

1. Name Daniel's three companions.
2. What did the King set up?
3. What was everybody commanded to do?
4. What did these three do?
5. What was done to them for this?
6. What happened to them?

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35. Cyrus gave the Jews permission to return to their own land. Their leaders were Zerubabel and Jeshua. These rebuilt the Temple. Later on Ezra, the scribe, taught the people God's law. At last the walls of the city were restored by Nehemiah.

36. At different times God sent to His people prophets. Of these the greatest were Elijah, Elisha, Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel. They were sent to turn the people from their sins. They also told of a Saviour who was to come. He was called the Messiah, which means Christ.

LESSON 35.

1. Who permitted the Jews to return home?
2. Name their leaders.
3. What did these do?
4. Who taught the people God's law?
5. What was done at last?
6. By whom was this done?

LESSON 36.

1. Whom did God send at different times to His people?
2. Name five of the greatest.
3. What were they sent to do?
4. Of whose coming did they tell?
5. What was He called?
6. What does Messiah mean?

